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1. Volkswerft in Stralsund.

The Volkswerft in Stralsund has ceased building wooden ships and fishing boats. This type of shipbuilding is to be continued at Dangarten, where a new shipyard will be erected for that purpose. The Volkswerft will confine itself to the construction of iron ships, although it is stating publicly that it will build fishing boats. Its present number of 1,400 workers is to be increased to 4,500. The Volkswerft is engaged in the following types of shipbuilding:

- a. Construction of hulls for "Seiner" ships. These hulls are delivered to the USSR as reparations payments, and it is rumored that they will be used by fishermen on the Black Sea. Six-cylinder Diesel motors of 350 HP are supplied by the R. Wolff Machine Factory in Magdeburg-Buckau. The frames and girders are built to permit conversion of the ships into warships, and the radio equipment is installed at a later date in Kaliningrad. The crew will number sixteen.
- b. Construction of luggers. These ships are more stable than the "Seiner" and will be equipped with 8-cylinder 500 HP engines.

2. Shipyard in Boizenburg.

- a. Within the framework of the Two-Year Plan, the shipyard in Boizenburg on the Elbe is building twenty-four fishing luggers for the Russians. It employs 2,300 workers and runs full day and night shifts.
- b. These luggers, 35 meters long, are being built with a view to making them particularly seaworthy. They are driven by a 300 HP Fiat Diesel engine supplied from Italy via Czechoslovakia. A 100 HP Fiat Diesel engine services the dynamo and the compressor attachment. On the forward part of the ship is an emplacement for a small shipboard gun and a four-barreled anti-aircraft gun. A gun emplacement is also built into the after part of the ship.

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- c. Nine ships have already been completed and sent by water to Wolgast via Berlin. Twelve ships have been partly completed in Boizenburg and sent to Wolgast for interior equipping. Before leaving Boizenburg each ship is temporarily equipped with a small direction finder and a small sender-receiver apparatus. There is ample room for the installation of larger instruments at a later date.
- d. The workers at the shipyard are of the opinion that these luggers are intended to be used as advance picket boats in the event of hostilities.

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